



**US Army Corps
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Public Notice

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Date: November 28, 2005

Nashville District

Application No. 200502420

Please address all comments to:
Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

SUBJECT: Proposed Excavation of Accumulated Rock in the Channel of Piney River
Mile 6.87 to 6.96, Right Bank (Watts Bar Lake), Rhea County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a
Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act
of 1899.**

APPLICANT: The City of Spring City
P.O. Box 369
Spring City, Tennessee 37381

LOCATION: Piney River Mile 7.0 Right Bank, Rhea County Tennessee
USGS: Spring City, Tennessee Quadrangle
Lon: 84-45-00 Lat: 35-37-30

DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to remove accumulated rock material from the Piney River for a distance of approximately 600'. Approximately 9,500 cubic yards of accumulated rock would be removed. The applicant would perform the work using a track hoe, clamshell, or dragline located in the dry and reaching into the flowing portion of the river. Material would then be loaded into trucks for removal from the floodplain. A portion of the excavated material would be utilized to repair portions of an existing berm and tie it into remnants of the existing levee. Rock removal will be conducted during times of low stream flow.

The purpose of the work is to reduce the potential for flooding at this location in Spring City. This area is susceptible to deposition and the City requests to periodically remove accumulated rock at this location to reduce flooding.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation,

shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service - Atlanta.

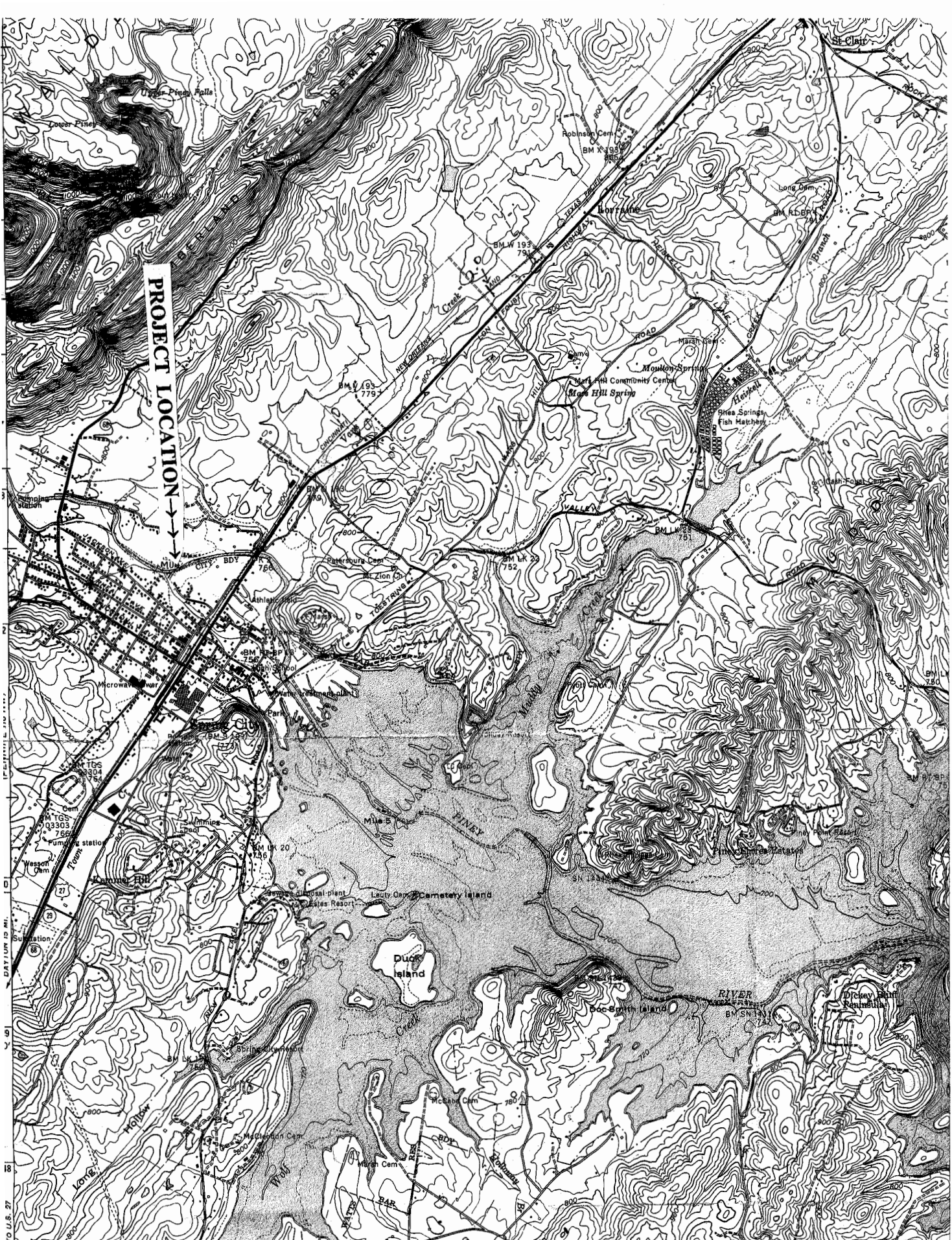
Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time

Other Federal, State, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

- An individual Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit form the State of Tennessee.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before December 28, 2005, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Carl R. Olsen, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7513.

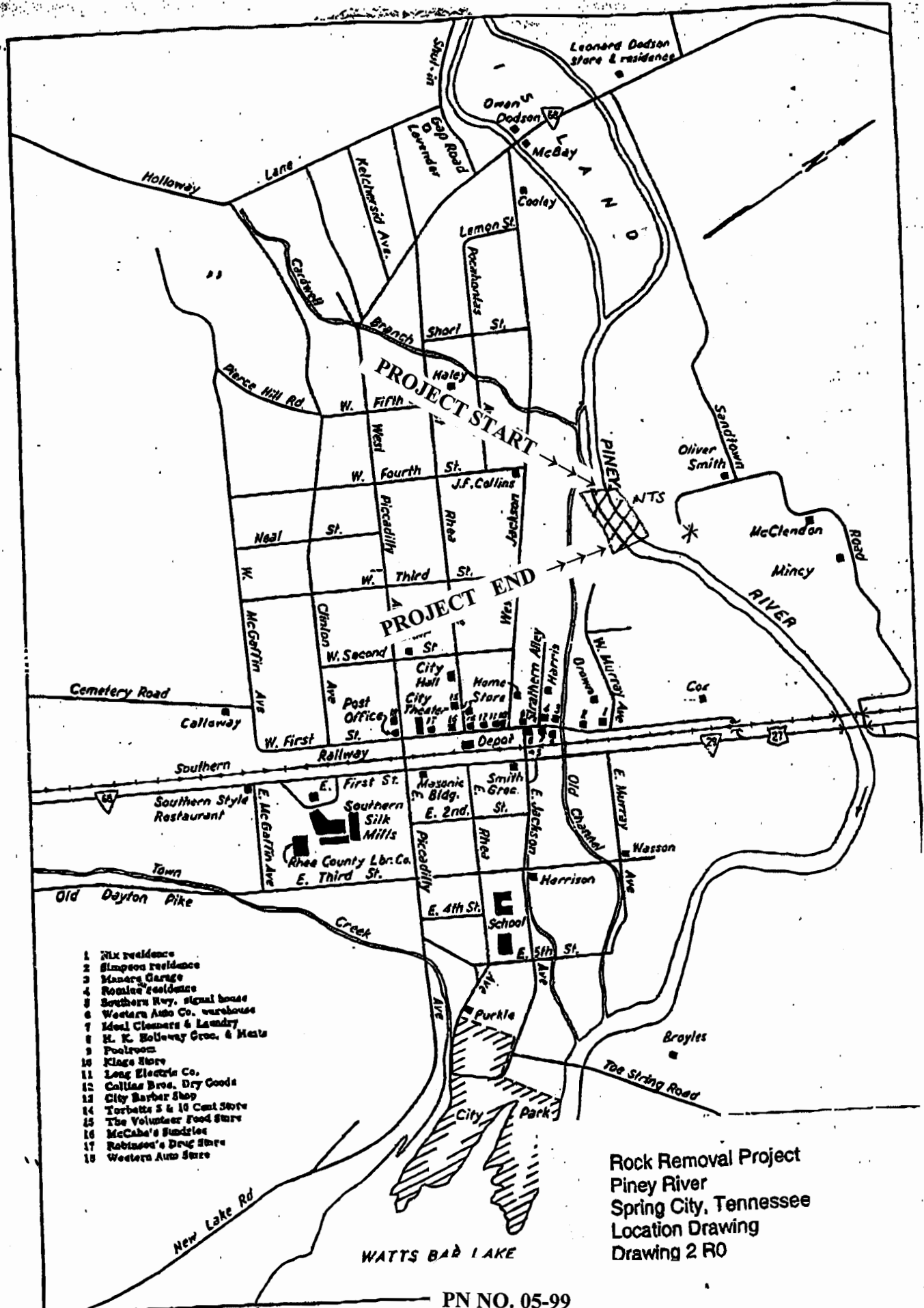


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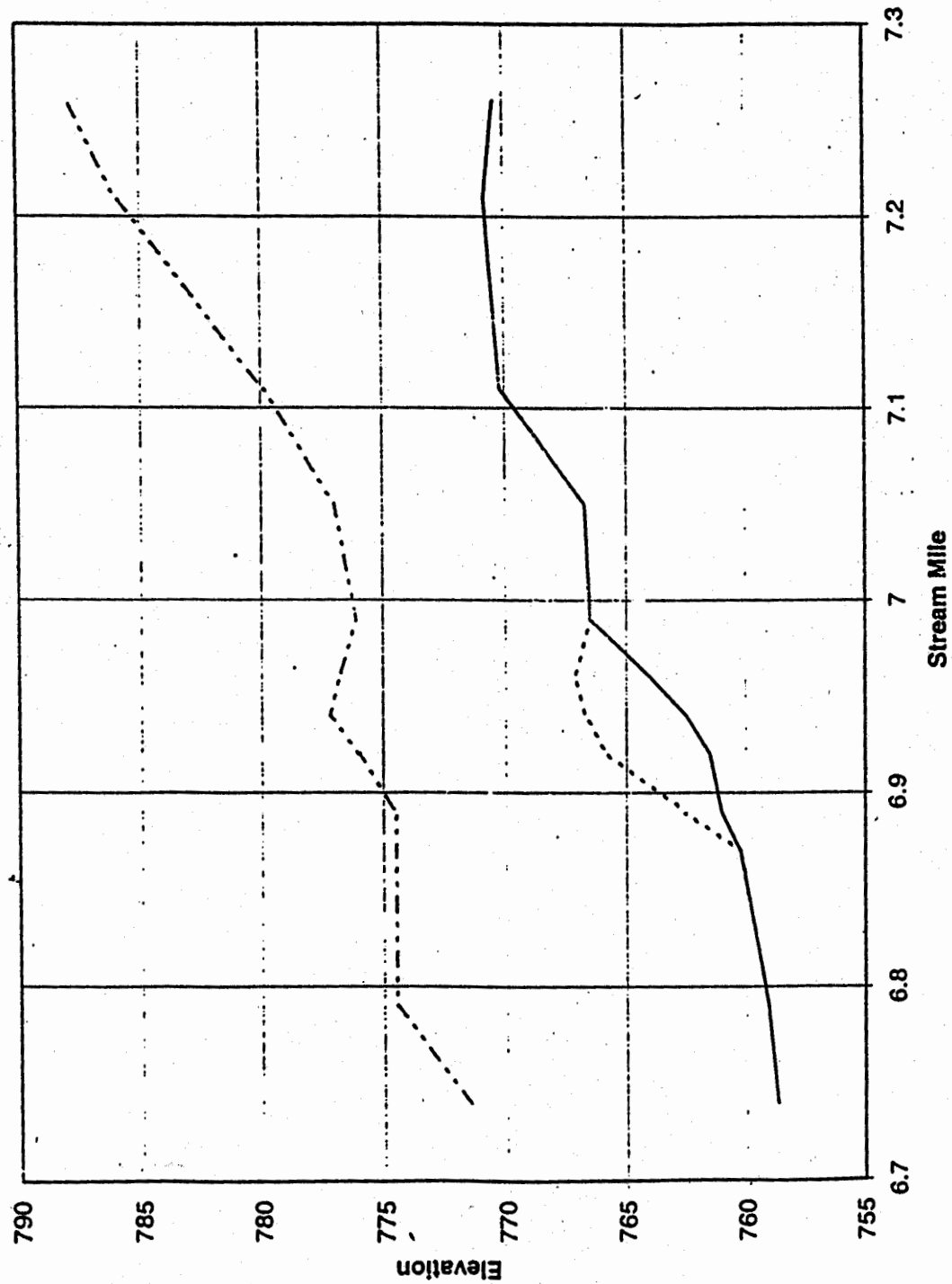


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Piney River



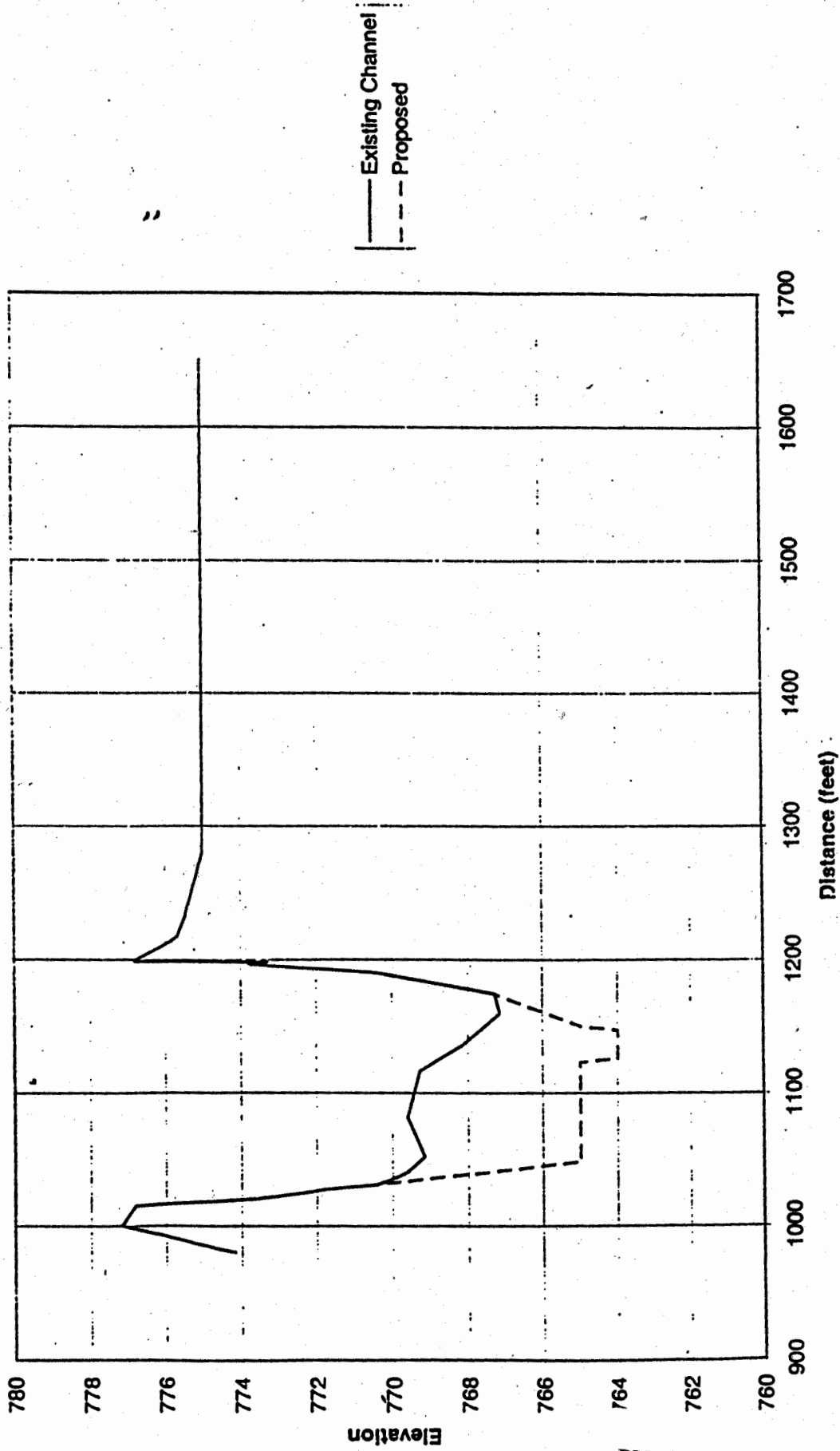
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 Piney River
 Spring City, Tennessee
 Profile
 Drawing 4 R0

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Mile 6.96



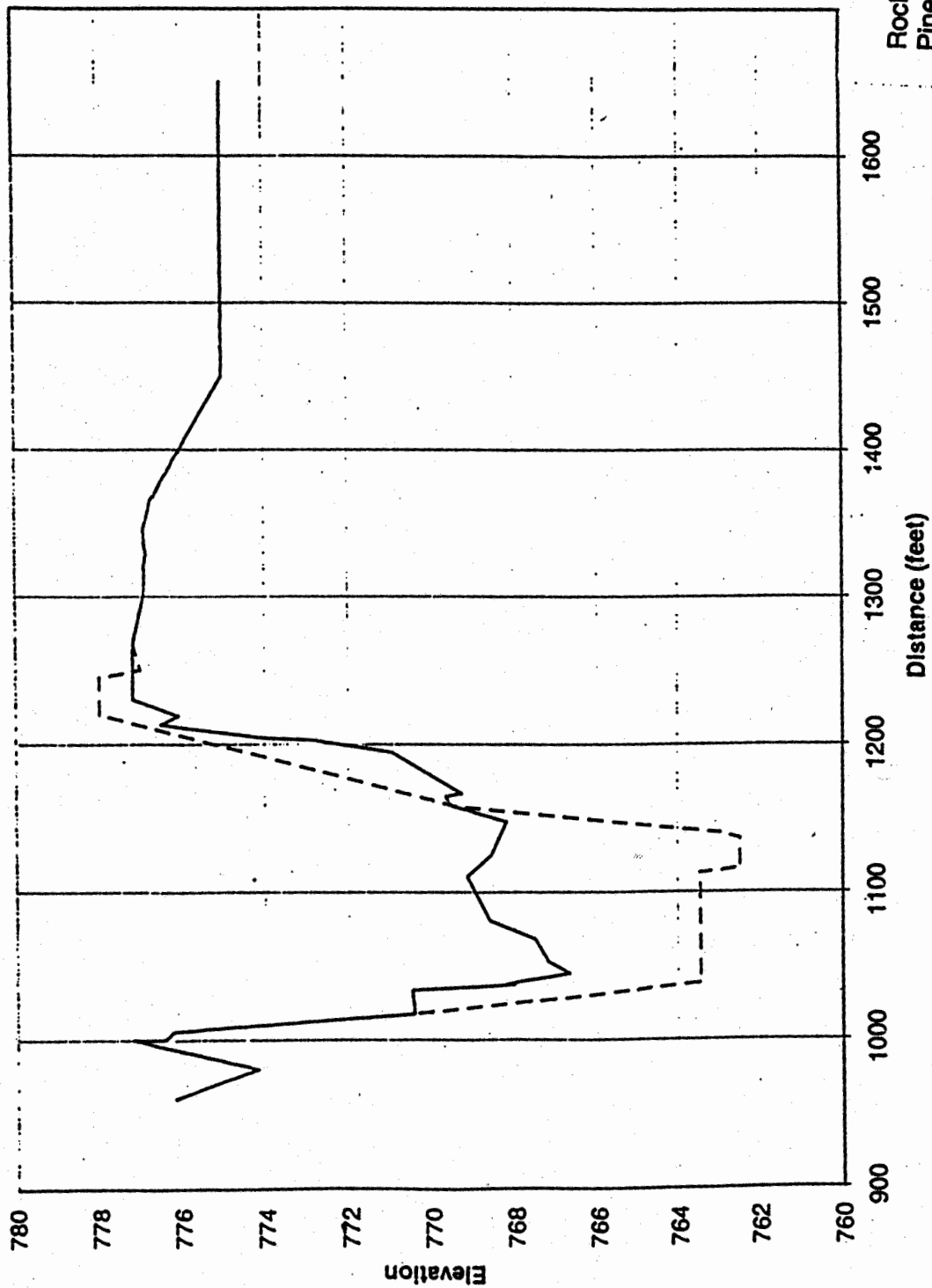
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Cross Section PRM 6.96
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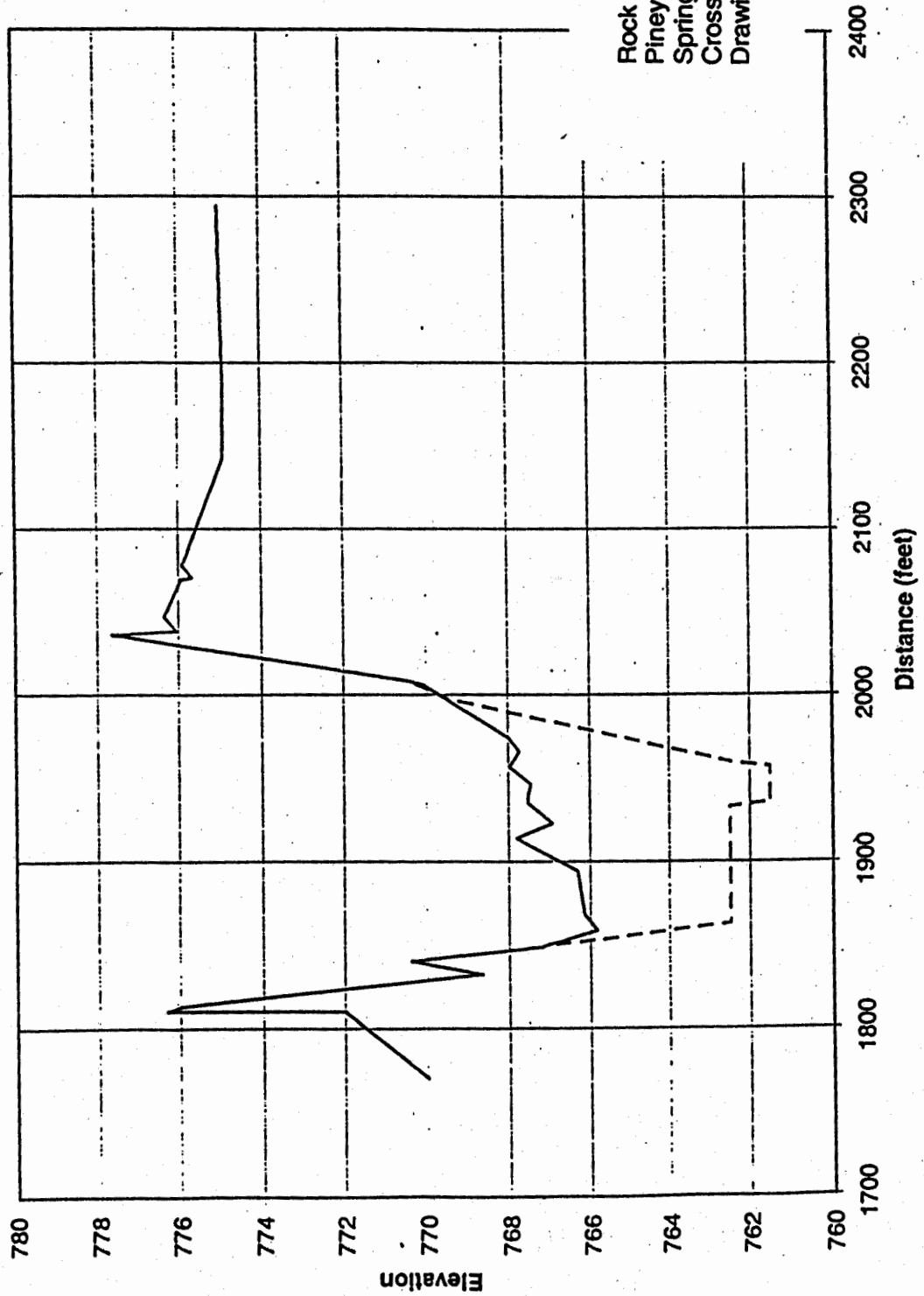
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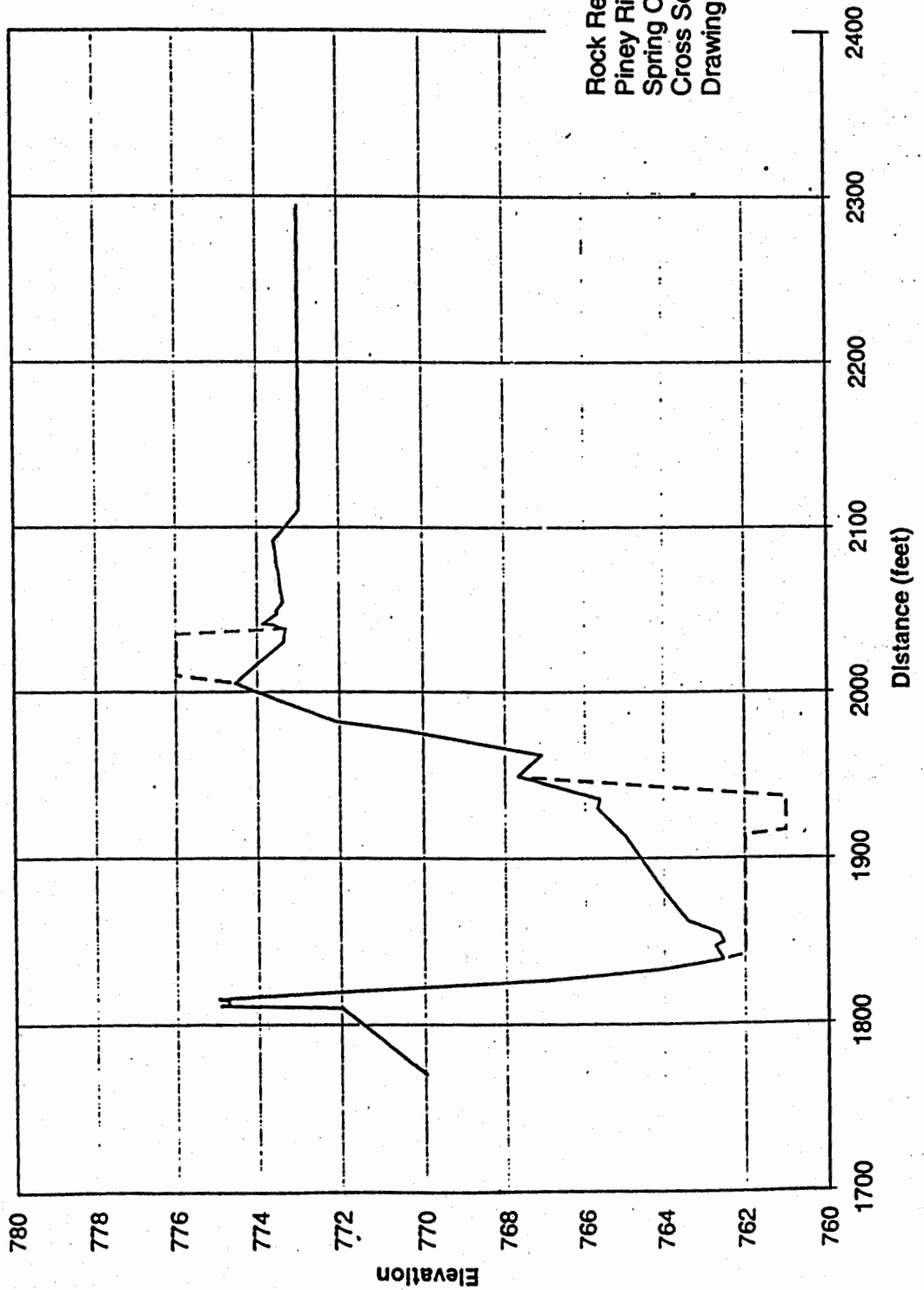
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Cross Section SR9-2 PRM 6.9
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